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Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 1-12, 15-16, 18-22, 25-31, and 54-70 are pending in the application. No claims have been allowed. Claims 1, 15, and 55 are independent. Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 15, 18-22, 25-31, and 55 have been amended. Claims 56-70 have been added. Claims 13, 17, 23, and 32-53 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice to renewal.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Action indicated that claims 13, 23, and 55 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the foregoing amendments, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all limitations from dependent claim 13. Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate all limitations of dependent claim 23 and intervening claim 17. Claim 55 has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claim 15.

New claims 56-70 (corresponding to dependent claims of claim 15) have been added as dependent claims of claim 55. The remaining claims 2-12, 16, 18-22, 25-31, and 54, depend respectively from base claim 1 or 15, and by way of this dependency also contain the allowable subject matter

Therefore, all pending claims contain allowable subject matter, and should thus be allowable.

Conclusion

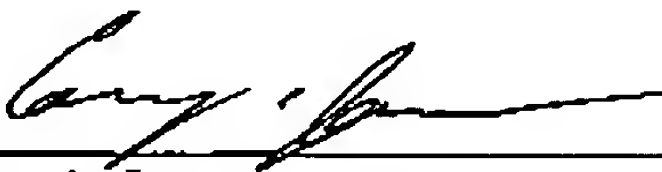
The claims in their present form should now be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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